

## ORDER

WHEREAS, in December 2019, medical professionals detected a novel coronavirus, now designated as “SARS-CoV-2,” which causes a disease known as “coronavirus disease 2019” abbreviated and popularly known as “COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared an outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is spread person to person through direct or close proximate contact and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness and a threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control had confirmed at least 3,244 cases of COVID-19, including 61 deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2020, three people have tested positive for COVID-19 in Greene County; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, City Council passed Special Ordinance 27293 prohibiting public gatherings of 50 or more persons with certain exceptions, and authorizing the Mayor, after consultation with city, county, and state officials, to issue an order amending which public gatherings are prohibited if in his judgement the prohibition should be amended to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued guidelines encouraging the public for the next fifteen days to avoid social gatherings in groups of more than ten people and to avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts and instead use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options; and

WHEREAS, after consultation with city, county, and state officials, it is my judgment that the prohibition adopted in Special Ordinance 27293 should be amended to protect public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEN MCCLURE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ORDER, that:

Section 1 – The public gatherings prohibited in Special Ordinance 27293 are hereby amended to any public gathering of 10 or more persons except educational activities,

daycare facilities, and daily business operations. Daily business operations shall not include the following, which shall be closed to the public during the time this order is effective: businesses offering entertainment, amusement, and recreation, and bars, taverns, or food establishments offering drinking or dining-in, except for lawful delivery, pickup, and drive-thru services that may be offered by said businesses, bars, taverns, or food establishments.

Section 2 – This Order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on March 18, 2020, and shall expire at 12:01 a.m. on April 1, 2020.

  
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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk

Filed: \_\_\_\_\_